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10 Applicant : Wynn, et al.
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15 For : SOFT TABLET CONTAINING HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT
CELLULOSICS

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35 **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

40 Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated 29 June 2006 ("Office Action"), which
set a thirty (30) day period of response.

45 The Office Action required an election of a single disclosed species under 35 USC
121 "for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim
is finally held to be allowable."

Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the following species of the invention with
traverse:

50 Active ingredient – ibuprofen
hydroxyalkylcellulose – hydroxypropylmethylcellulose
carbohydrate – mannitol

5 Applicant respectfully submits that the claims include sufficiently few species such
that a search and examination of all of the species at one time would not impose a serious
burden. Therefore Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as claimed in claims 1 –
17 may best be examinable in one application.

10 According to the Office Action, this response “must include an identification of the
species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable
thereon,” which is set forth below.

 Claims that may be readable on the elected species include claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8,
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

15 It is submitted that the foregoing remarks place the case in condition for allowance.
A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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